

**Rule 50. Response; reply.**

(a) **Response.** No petition for writ of certiorari will be granted absent a request by the court for a response, and no response will be received unless requested by the court.

Within 30 days after an order requesting a response ~~petition for a writ of certiorari is served~~, any other party may file a response. ~~If the petitioner pays the required filing fee or obtains a waiver of that fee after service, then the time for response will run from the date that obligation is satisfied.~~ The response must comply with Rule [27](#) and, as applicable, Rule [49](#). ~~A party opposing a petition may so indicate by letter in lieu of a formal response, but the letter may not include any argument or analysis.~~

(b) **Page limitation.** A response must be as short as possible and may not exceed 20 pages, excluding the table of contents, the table of authorities, and the appendix.

(c) **Objections to jurisdiction.** The court will not accept a motion to dismiss a petition for a writ of certiorari. Objections to the Supreme Court's jurisdiction to grant the petition may be included in the response.

(d) **Reply.** A petitioner may file a reply addressed to arguments first raised in the response within 7 days after the response is served, but distribution of the petition and response to the court ordinarily will not be delayed pending the filing of any such reply unless the response includes a new request for relief, such as an award of attorney fees for the response. The reply must be as short as possible, may not exceed five pages, and must comply with Rule [27](#).